

ENVIRONMENT CABINET MEMBER MEETING

Agenda Item 118

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Petitions
Date of Meeting: 31 March 2011
Report of: Strategic Director, Resources
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Key Decision: No
Wards Affected: Various

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 To receive any petitions presented at Council, any petitions submitted directly to Democratic Services or any e-Petition submitted via the council's website.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.2 That the Cabinet Member responds to each petition and in each case gives consideration to a range of options, including the following:

- taking the action requested in the petition
- considering the petition at a council meeting
- holding an inquiry into the matter
- undertaking research into the matter
- holding a public meeting
- holding a consultation
- holding a meeting with petitioners
- referring the petition for consideration by the council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee*
- calling a referendum
- writing to the petition organiser setting out the council's views about the request in the petition
- noting the petition

3. PETITIONS

118. (i) Consult on Queen's Park bowling green

To receive the following e-Petition presented at Council on 24 March 2011 by Councillor Steedman and signed by 35 people:

We the undersigned petition the council to carry out a thorough consultation on the future use of the Queen's Park Bowling Green among all park users from all the surrounding communities for whom the park is such a precious resource in a densely populated urban area.

118. (ii) Parking Problems - Bakers Bottom

To receive the following e-Petition and accompanying paper petition submitted directly to the Environment Cabinet Member Meeting by Mr Chris Cooke and signed by a total of 103 people:

We the undersigned petition the council to consider the introduction of double yellow lines at the junctions of Rochester/Livingstone St, Bute/Livingstone St and Hendon/Livingstone St in the area commonly known as "Bakers Bottom".

118. (iii) Hove Station Foot Bridge

To receive the following e-Petition submitted directly to the Environment Cabinet Member Meeting by Mr Adam Love and signed by 29 people:

We the undersigned petition the council to continue to maintain and improve Hove station footbridge. Ensure it is graffiti free, well lit and its condition monitored regularly.

118. (iv) Save Our Buses

To receive the following e-Petition presented at Council on 24 March 2011 by Mr Tom French and signed by 122 people:

We the undersigned petition the council to protect our subsidised bus routes from cuts, including the no. 21, 21B, 81, 81A and 22. These bus routes may not create a large profit but they are vital for many families and it would damage the community and the environment to cut them back. We want the council to invest in regular, local, fast and affordable public transport, not cut back on vital funding.

118. (v) Make Hollingdean Dip Safe

To receive the following e-Petition presented at Council on 24 March 2011 by Ms Christina Summers and signed by 54 people:

We the undersigned petition the council to take urgent steps to make the Hollingdean Dip safer to cross by reviewing the traffic calming measures in the area and taking steps to improve road safety such as installing a zebra crossing.

118. (vi) George Street, Hove – change to opening hours

To receive a paper petition submitted directly to the Environment Cabinet Member Meeting by Councillor Young and signed by 56 traders and residents of George Street, Hove calling for a change to the street opening hours to 4pm daily effective from 1 April 2011 and continuing thereon.